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SUBJECT: BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT: LETTING THE AUSTRALIANS KNOW

1. JAPANESE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
NOBUHIKO USHIBA IS IN AUSTRALIA FOR BILATERAL DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH SENIOR GOA OFFICIALS ON TRADE AND
ECONOMIC MATTERS. LAST NIGHT ON NATIONWIDE TV NEWS,
PRIME MINISTER FRASER MADE A POINT OF THANKING THE
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FOR HAVING SENT USHIBA TO, AMONG
OTHER THINGS, DEBRIEF THE GOA ON WHAT OCCURRED AT THE
BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT, NOTING "IT IS A SIGN OF THE
TIMES THAT OF ALL OUR CLOSEST FRIENDS AND TRADING
PARTNERS, ONLY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAS THOUGHT TO

SEND ONE OF THEIR HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS TO TELL US
WHAT HAPPENED IN BONN. IN TIMES PAST, WE MIGHT
NORMALLY HAVE EXPECTED THIS SORT OF COURTESY FROM THE
BRITISH GOVERNMENT."

2. ACTION REQUESTED. ALTHOUGH THE US WAS NOT MENTIONED
OR CRITICIZED, EMBASSY BELIEVES A USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD
BE SERVED IF A DESCRIPTION OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND
CONCLUSIONS OF THE BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT COULD BE SENT
TELEGRAPHICALLY FOR AMBASSADOR TO DELIVER TO PRIME MINISTER
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FRASER OR FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER, SECRETARY VANCE OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE.
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